



2009 Santa Shuffle

The Salvation Army Santa Shuffle took place Dec. 5 with roughly 200 participants of all ages running or walking the 5 Km course along Boulevard lake. Thanks to Marion, Pat, John and Bob for helping out with this event. Even Merv VA3TSA did all 5Km.



Thanks to
John VA3JMS
Pat VA3PP
Marion VE3MJN
Bob VE3RVA
Mike VE3ZG



Santa Claus Parade

A frosty morning, sunshine, no wind, no snow-hardly the normal weather for the 19th annual Santa Claus parade held in Thunder Bay on Saturday November 21, 2009.

Approximately sixty entries lined up at the Community Auditorium and left at ten A.M. to travel up Memorial Avenue to the CLE grounds. With the nice weather, a good crowd was on hand to enjoy the parade, see Santa and Mrs. Claus; the kids receive some candy and deliver their letters to the post office to be mailed to Santa. As usual, our group of volunteers, Mark Vaillant, Brad Harris, Bob Hansen, Paul Curtin, Marion Nawrocki and yours truly, Mike Nawrocki helped set up the lineup for the parade. Norm and Linda Bell worked their usual post with the parade announcers. Congratulations to all the volunteers who made this parade happen again.



Bob VE3RVA, Paul VA3PDC, Mark VA3MVR, Brad VE3MXJ, Mike VE3ZG, Marion VE3MJN

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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club - Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand - November 4, 2009 \$5,998.85

Income

Memberships \$35.00

50/50 Draw \$8.50

Bank Interest \$0.04

75th Anniversary Event \$20.33

Total Income \$63.87

Expenses

Thunder Bay Telephone \$47.83

Bank Service Charges \$1.00

75th Event \$20.33

Membership - Chq. Returned + Fee \$42.00

L.A.R.C. Blank Cheques \$26.24

Total Expenses \$137.40

Balance on Hand - December 3, 2009 \$5,925.32

Joe "Six Gun" Coghlan - VE3TBX
 Treasurer

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)

144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

Minutes of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Date: November 12, 2009

President, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ Presiding.

Guest Speakers: Bill Unger VE3XT talked about Flight Tracker and listening to Air Traffic, ATC and Pilot Patter.

Treasurer's Report:

Joe Coghlan VE3TBX moved to accept the report as printed in the November Hi-Q. Seconded by Karl Hamilton VE3RRP. Vote: Passed Unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moved to accept the October meeting's minutes as printed in the November Hi-Q. Seconded by Terry Stewardson VA3LU. Vote: Passed Unanimously.

Old Business:

Public Service- John Sacek VA3JMS public events coordinator:

John Sacek VE3JMS reported attending a meeting with the organizers of the Cariboo Charity Ride. He mentioned they were grateful for all the suggestions from the LARC members. John also read a letter received from the CIBC regarding the club's involvement with the Run for the Cure.

Santa Claus Parade -Nov 21- Norm Bell VE3XRC, Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG

Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG reported that 60 to 65 entries were expected for this year's parade and that everything looked good. Another volunteer would be handy.

Santa Shuffle – December 5th at Boulevard Lake

Canwarn news:

No severe weather activated the system.

ARES- Brad Harris VE3MXJ (Thunder Bay EC):

Tuesday night VHF Net on VE3YQT at 7pm.

Brad Harris VE3MXJ reported on the work at VE3ONN at the Salvation Army Building. There is a new operating area and shelving, new vertical antenna, HF loop, as well as VHF and UHF antennas. He reported doing a presentation for the Communications Squadron with Fred Lesnick VE3FAL and that the global SET is this coming weekend.

Repeater News- Randy Gottfred VA3OJ, Terry Stewardson VA3LU

Terry Stewardson VA3LU reported that generally the repeaters are behaving well. The VE3YQT repeater time stamp has been updated to the change to standard time.

RAC Report- Bill Unger VE3XT:

Bill Unger VE3XT reported that RAC has a new President for January 1st, and that he sees RAC as moving forward on a solid foundation. Bill will be looking into club liability insurance costs and requirements for the board.

VC3FW Award, Bill Unger VE3XT

Bill Unger VE3XT reported that the awards were done and sent out. He has made extras for the archives. Club members that contacted VC3FW will receive awards as well. Some people have asked about the Voyageur Award as there are still references to it on the web. There are no awards physically left. The membership present agreed to end the award and that those who inquired about it be sent the VC3FW 75th Anniversary Award instead.

Club Trailer

The Executive met and accepted the rules and regulations regarding the trailer acquisition from Bob Hansen VE3RVA. As a result the executive has created a trailer committee and made Bob Hansen VE3RVA the chairperson of the committee with the responsibility of creating the committee, holding committee meetings, and tracking trailer funds.

Trailer: A motion was tabled at the last meeting:

Moved by Joe Coghlan VE3TBX to buy the trailer for \$1.00, seconded by Brad Harris VE3MXJ. Terry Stewardson VA3LU moved to bring the motion off the table, Seconded by Cliff Pratt VA3CLF.

Both motions Passed. Current balance of trailer funds to be donated to the LARC.

Dinner Meeting in April: Bob Hansen VE3RVA

The April meeting is a go for the Slovak Legion, on a Friday night. Bob Hansen VE3RVA is talking to two speakers about a possible date of Friday April 23rd.

(Note: April 2nd is Good Friday) Bob Hansen VE3RVA also reported that there will need to be 40 people signed up for the dinner for the club to break even.

New Business

CNIB: Karl Hamilton VE3RRP

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP read a letter received from the CNIB about their amateur radio program, the benefits that visually impaired hams were receiving, as well as where some of the program funding was coming from. Last year the LARC donated \$100.00 to the program. Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moved that the LARC donate \$100.00 to the CNIB amateur radio program. Seconded by Joe Coghlan VE3TBX. Passed.

Antenna Season:

Bill Unger VE3XT brandished the Ancient Horn 'o Plenty, and with a mighty toot (a CPR engineer would have been proud!) signaled the beginning of antenna season!

(There was a few minutes of confusion as those present scrambled to find their hats that had been blown away...)

50/50 Draw: Marion Nawrocki VE3MJN

Adjournment moved by: Terry Stewardson VA3LU

Next LARC Meeting: December 10, 2009.



Santa's Ride

Software for hams

<http://www.ve3sqb.com/>

Thanks Al&Jan

We welcome

Harvey Larabee VA3LHA

Of Kakabeka Falls to the LARC. Our newest member.

Bill Unger VE3XT gave an excellent presentation on aircraft monitoring. Here "in a nutshell" is the information from his powerpoint presentation.

ATIS, current weather and runway information

128.800 MHz

YQT Tower, 118.100 MHz, local control, Confederation College "Touch and Go"

Arrival and Departures, 119.200 MHz

Ground 121.900 Mhz

Winnipeg Centre has transmitters in Thunder Bay to relay information

133.250 MHz FL360 and above

135.225 MHz FL290 to FL350

132.125 MHz FL 280 and below

Internet programs allow real time tracking of flights

Flight Aware

<http://flightaware.com/>

Flight Tracker

<http://www.flightstats.com/go/Home/home.do>

ACARS Frequencies

131.550 Primary Channel worldwide

129.125 Additional channel for USA & Canada

130.025 Secondary channel for USA and Canada

130.425 Additional channel for USA

130.450 Additional channel for USA & Canada

131.125 Additional channel for USA

131.450 Air Canada company channel

Doug, VE3EFC found the following links showing ACARS information in real time

<http://cpc1-hers2-0-0-cust557.hers.cable.ntl.com:8080/>

<http://www.atcmonitor.com/>

Silent Key

EVANS, David Garfield VE3ECQ

Mr. David Garfield Evans, 84 years, of Nipigon, Ontario, passed away peacefully at his home, on Friday, November 20, 2009, with his wife Yvonne by his side. Garfield was born in Streetsville, Ontario. He served with the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II. Garfield worked for the Department of Lands and Forests as a Conservation Officer before resuming his trade as an electrician. Predeceased by his first wife Iva (was VE3EEB) in 2003; he is survived by his wife Yvonne, by two sons – Kirby (& Joy) and Fred (& Lois) all of Nipigon, by three granddaughters – Allison, Pamela and Cindy, by one great granddaughter Grace and by four brothers – Carl (& Marie), Jack (& Faith), Bill (& Rena), and Harry (& Shirley) all of Southern Ontario. Cremation has taken place. Friends so wishing may make donations to St. Mary's Church, the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Foundation – Cancer Research or the charity of their choice. Arrangements are in the care of the Elliott Funeral Home Ltd., Nipigon.

Silent Key

Nestor Procup VE3NPS

It is with much sadness that the family of Nestor Procup, age 81 years, announces his death. He passed away peacefully at home on Friday December 4, 2009.

Nestor was born in Fort William on January 24, 1928 to Nicholas and Katherine Prokopa. He resided in the only home he knew, throughout his entire life in Westfort.

He was employed with CP Rail, retiring in 1986 with over 39 years of service. Nestor's favourite times were spent with family and friends. He loved his ever growing family, especially when everyone gathered together for dinners and celebrations. Over the years he never missed his grandson's sporting events and was their #1 fan and critic after each and every game. Nestor and his wife Grace, spent many hours working in their yard and gardens. They enjoyed and generously shared their bounty graciously with family and friends. His hobbies and passions over the years included CB and was a certified holder of Amateur Radio Licence and callsign VE3NPS, 55 Plus Centre (teaching computer basics) and Taiji with the Peng You Taiji Quan Association. He was a member of St. Agnes Parish

attending Mass regularly (when his health allowed) and volunteered with their Funeral Lunch Receptions.

Nestor is survived by his best friend and wife of 56 years Grace (nee Rizzo) and children Catherine (James) Bodnarchuk and their sons Nelson (Charlene) and Justin (Alison Kococinski); Loretta Ostrum and her son Jared; Francine (Bruno) Wojtowicz and their daughters Heather, Jennifer (Stephen) Merryfield and Shawna (Jason) Taddeo; Frank (Kimberly) Procup and their sons Brayden and Cole. Also survived by 3 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Madeline Rizzo and nieces and nephews who were very dear to him.

Nestor was predeceased by his parents and three older brothers Michael, Paul, Dozie; and his mother and father in-law Frank and Angelina Rizzo.

Funeral Services for the late Mr. Nestor Procup will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 with family and friends gathering at St. Agnes R.C. Church for Funeral Mass at 10:00 A.M. celebrated by Fr. James Panikulam. Westfort Chapel, 420 West Gore Street at James in care of arrangements. If friends so desire, donations in Nestor's memory may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or The City of Thunder Bay earmarked (c/o Taiji Park Development Fund).

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
so he put his arms around you
and whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched you,
and saw you slip away.
Although we love you dearly
we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating.
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
he only takes the best.

North East Regional Directors Report December 2009



The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was held on November 19, 2009 starting at 2330Z.

The main topic of discussion was the smooth transfer of operations to the new Executive. President elect, Geoff VE4BAW was present at the meeting as well as Treasurer elect Margret, VE3VXN and Secretary elect Paul, VO1PRB.

As an example of how things are getting better at RAC HQ, we are now going to take back in house our own bookkeeping and payroll activities which will save us a fair amount. This is due to our Office Manager, Denise's extra efforts on our behalf.

The most common question / beef I hear is "What does RAC do for me?" This month I would like to mention two areas where RAC is going to bat for Amateurs in Canada around the world.

Brian, VE3QN is our point man who represents Canadian Amateurs at the International Telecommunications Union conference in Switzerland. It's through his committee work we have an experimental allocation at 500 kHz and are working on more frequencies in the 5 MHz range. Many services, military, aeronautical and marine radar systems would love to have more HF frequencies, including our bands. All his expenses are covered by donations to DARF which is administered by RAC. A donation to DARF will further his efforts.

Ever been to Europe? If you are going why not consider talking a QRP HF rig. They now come with built in tuners, add a battery pack some wire and you are on the air. Oops, don't forget to make sure you have a CEPT. This certificate available from RAC HQ is your ticket to operate in most European countries. A call or email to RAC HQ will get you all the details.

If you have an Amateur friend who is hard to buy for why not consider a membership as a very special Christmas gift.

Finally I hope you and your family have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas Season and you can take some time to spend it with family and friends, be they in your home or across the across the air waves. Merry Christmas.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

December 2009

Mon	Tue LARC ARES NET	Wed	Thu Coffee at Boston	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 LARC Meeting	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	<i>2010</i>		

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club wishes a happy and safe holiday season for all its members, families and friends. May your celebrations be joyous and may 2010 be all that you dream for...



.....and on a personal note, I would like to thank all those amateurs that have taken the time to snap a photo, write a short article or submitted a club report. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated by myself and all the readers of HI-Q. Whether you are Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Pagan or “none of the above” this time of year is special as we mark the turning of the seasons. The solstice is at 12:47 (est) pm on the 21st of December. However you celebrate the return of the sun, may it be joyous and safe.

73

Ed VE3SNW